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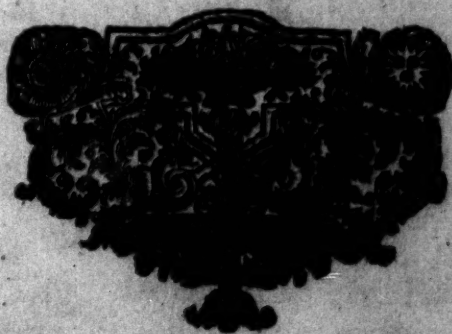
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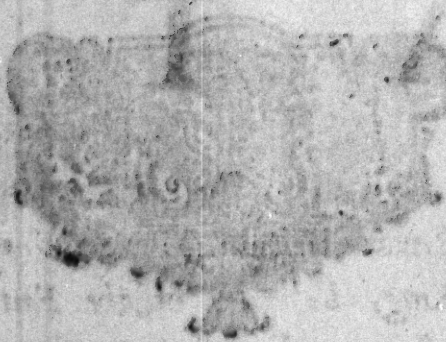
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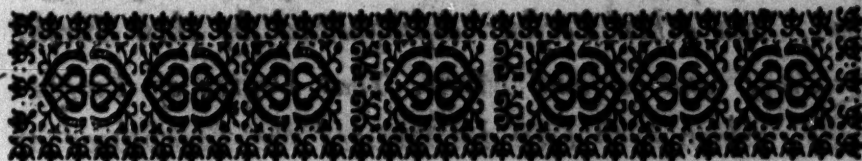
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GEORGE, *by the Grace of God, of Great-Britain, France, and Ireland King, Defender of the Faith &c.* To all, to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting: Whereas Our Royal Predecessors, upon divers wise, and honourable Considerations, have, on Occasion of certain august Solemnities, conferred, with great State, upon their Royal Issue Male, the Princes of the

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Blood Royal, several of their Nobility, Principal Officers, and other Persons distinguished by their Birth, Quality, and personal Merit, That Degree of Knighthood, which hath been denominated the Knighthood of the BATH; We being moved by the same Considerations, do hereby declare our Royal Intention, not only to re-establish, and support the said Honour of Knighthood in its former Lustre and Dignity; but to erect the same into a regular military Order: And accordingly of our especial Grace, certain Knowledge, and meer Motion, and by Virtue of our Royal Prerogative, being the Fountain of Honour, We have instituted, erected, constituted, and created, and by these our Letters Patents do institute, erect, constitute, and create a military Order of Knighthood to be, and be called for ever hereafter by the Name and Title of The Order of the BATH, whereof we, our Heirs, and Successors Kings of this Realm for ever shall be Sovereigns, which said Order shall consist of a Great Master to continue during the Pleasure of Us, our Heirs, or Successors, and thirty six Companions to be from Time to Time nominated, and appointed by Us, our Heirs, and Successors, wherein a Succession shall be always regularly continued; Which said Order shall
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be governed by Statutes, and Ordinances to be from Time to Time made, ordained, altered, and abrogated by Us, our Heirs, and Successors at Our, and their Pleasure. And to the End, that such Statutes may be legally established; We, following the Example of our Royal Predecessor King EDWARD the Third of glorious Memory, Founder of the most Noble Order of the GARTER, who gave Sanction to the Statutes of that Order, by affixing to them the Seal, which had been by his Command made, and appointed for the same Order, Do hereby direct, and appoint, that a Seal shall be immediately engraven, having upon one Side the Representation of our Royal Person on Horseback in Armour, the Shield Azure, Three Imperial Crowns Or, the Arms usually ascribed to the Renowned King ARTHUR, with this Circumscription, Sigillum Honoratissimi Ordinis Militaris de Balneo; and on the Reverse the same Arms empaling our Royal Arms: And our Royal Will, and Pleasure is, that the said Seal shall for ever hereafter be the Seal of the said Order of the BATH, And that the Statutes to be perpetually, and inviolably observed within the said Order, shall be established, and sealed by and with the same Seal. And we do hereby for Us, our Heirs,
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and Successors declare, and ordain, that the said Statutes so to be given by Us, our Heirs, or Successors, to which the said Seal shall be affixed, shall be of the same Force, and Validity, as if the same Statutes, and every Article of them had been verbatim recited in these Our Letters Patents, and had been passed under the Great Seal of this our Realm. And further we do hereby ordain, constitute, nominate, and appoint our Right Trusty and Right entirely beloved Cousin John Duke of Montagu to be the first Great Master of the said Order, To hold the said Office during our Pleasure, with such Powers, Privileges, and Emoluments, and subject to such Regulations, as shall be for that Purpose appointed in the Statutes to be established by Us, our Heirs, or Successors, as aforesaid: And whereas it is absolutely necessary for the Dignity, and Service of this Order, that there should be Officers peculiarly appropriated thereto, We do by these Presents for Us, our Heirs, and Successors, will and ordain, That there shall be for ever hereafter a Dean, Register, King of Arms, Genealogist, Secretary, Usher, and Messenger of, and belonging to the said Order, whose respective Duties, Privileges, Emoluments, and Perquisites shall be particularly expressed, and declared in the
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said Statutes. And we do hereby for Us, our Heirs, and Successors, constitute, create, and appoint the Dean of the Collegiate Church of St. Peter's Westminster for the Time being, to be for ever hereafter Dean of the said Order; and do for Us, our Heirs, and Successors, give, and grant full Power, and Authority to the Great Master of the said Order for the Time being to constitute, nominate, and appoint, under the Seal hereby appointed for the said Order, a Register, King of Arms, Genealogist, Secretary, Usher, and Messenger of the said Order; and from Time to Time to fill up the Places of such Officers upon Vacancies, according to such Rules, and Directions, as shall for that Purpose be laid down, and expressed in the said Statutes to be given, as aforesaid. And to the End, that the respective Fees to be paid to the several Officers of the said Order of the BATH, by such Persons, as shall be nominated unto, and accept the Honour of a Companion of the said Order may be certain, and fixed; We do by these Presents, for Us, our Heirs, and Successors, will, and declare, that all such Fees shall be specially, and particularly ascertained, and established in and by the Statutes to be given, and ordained to, and for the said Order, by Us, our Heirs,

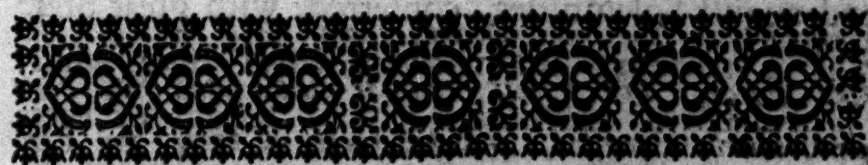
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Heirs, or Successors, under the Seal hereby appointed for the said Order, and shall be of the like Force, and Effect, as if the same had been particularly expressed, and set forth in these our Letters Patents. And lastly, we do hereby for Us, our Heirs, and Successors, grant, that these our Letters Patents, or the Inrollment, or Exemplification thereof shall be, in and by all Things, good, firm, valid, sufficient, and effectual in the Law, according to the true Intent and Meaning thereof, any Omission, Imperfection, Defect, Matter, Cause, or Thing whatsoever to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding: In Witness whereof, we have caused these our Letters to be made Patents. Witness our Self at Westminster the Eighteenth Day of May, in the Eleventh Year of our Reign.

By Writ of Privy Seal,

BISSE and BRAY.

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and august Solemnities, conferred, with great State and Ceremony, upon their Royal Issue Male, the Princes of the Blood Royal, several of their Nobility, principal Officers, and other Persons distinguished by eminent Birth, and Merit, That Degree of Knighthood, which from the Rite preparative to it, hath been denominated the Knighthood of the *Bath*; an Honour which most of Our Royal Predecessors have accepted in their own Persons, with all the Forms thereunto appertaining, from the *Saxon* Ages, to the Coronation of the late King *Charles* the Second inclusive, who was himself invested therewith, during his Father's Reign: And whereas we being moved by all the like Considerations, and in Regard to the many laudable Precedents of Antiquity, and intending not only to re-establish, and support the said Honour of Knighthood in its former Lustre and Dignity, but to erect the same into a regular Military Order, did, by our Royal Letters Patents, bearing Date the Eighteenth Day of this Instant *May*, Institute, Erect, and Create a Military Order of Knighthood, to be, and be called for ever hereafter, by the Name and Title of the
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Order of the *Bath*, whereof We, Our Heirs, and Successors, Kings of this Realm for ever, shall be Sovereigns : And whereas we have ordained and appointed a Great Seal of the said Order, having upon one Side the Representation of Our Royal Person on Horseback in Armour, the Shield *Azure*, Three Imperial Crowns *Or*, the Arms usually ascribed to the Renowned King *Arthur*, with this Circumscription, *Sigillum Honoratissimi Ordinis Militaris de Balneo* ; and on the Reverse the same Arms empaling Our Royal Arms : And whereas by Our said Letters Patents, We did ordain, That the said Order shall be governed by Statutes and Ordinances, and that the said Statutes to be perpetually and inviolably observed within the said Order, shall be established, and sealed by and with the said Seal, as by the said Letters Patents may appear. Now know ye, That in Pursuance of the said Letters Patents, and by Virtue of our Prerogative Royal, We have made, ordained, and established, and by these Presents, sealed with the abovementioned Seal of the said Order, this Twenty third Day of *May*, in the eleventh Year of our Reign, do make, ordain, and establish, the following Statutes and Ordinances,

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dinances, to be perpetually and inviolably observed within the same Order, *viz.*

FIRST, It is declared, ordained, and enjoined, That we, our Heirs, and Successors, Kings of this Realm are, and for ever shall be, Sovereigns of this most honourable Order of the *Bath*; to whom doth, and shall appertain, the Resolution, Reformation, Interpretation, and Determination of every Doubt, Obscurity, or Ambiguity, contained in any of the antient Ceremonials, or in any particular Article of these Our present Statutes, touching this most honourable Order, for maintaining the Dignity, and perpetual Succession of it.

SECONDLY, That this Order shall consist of the Sovereign, of a Prince of the Royal Blood, of a Great Master, and of Thirty five other Companions, and that this Number shall never be augmented; But when any Stall shall become void, it shall be filled by the Nomination of another Person, to be elected Knight, to the End such Succession may be always regularly continued.

THIRDLY,

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THIRDLY, It is hereby declared, That the Persons to be admitted into this Order, shall be Gentlemen of Blood, bearing Coat Arms, and void of all Reproach, that is, They shall not be convicted of Heresy against the Articles of the christian Religion; not attainted of High Treason, without being first restored by a Pardon; neither shall they be such, who out of Cowardice have fled from any Field of Battle; And in Case any Companion shall be found guilty of Reproach in any Instance of this Kind (which God forbid) He shall be Degraded at the next Chapter, his Escoccheon shall be thrown out of his Stall, with all the usual Marks of Infamy, and a Memorial thereof shall be entred in the Register.

FOURTHLY, It is hereby declared, that Our dear entirely beloved Grandson Prince *William* shall be the first, and principal Companion, and shall be placed next unto the Sovereign within this most honourable Order: And since by Reason of the Tenderness of his Age, he is not able to bear the Fatigue of Bathing, and the Vigils attending it, or at present to apprehend sufficiently the Import, and Obligation of an Oath; We, following the Precedents of Our Royal Predecessors in the like Cases,
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do hereby dispense with him in these, and all other Particulars, where a Dispensation may be required; declaring it to be Our Royal Pleasure, That our conferring the Degree of Knighthood upon him by the Sword of State, shall be sufficient to invest him fully, and effectually with this Order, and that he shall enjoy the same, with the Name, Title, Dignity, and Privileges belonging to a Knight of the *Bath*, in as large, and ample Manner, as if he had personally performed all the Solemnities, according to the antient Formularies.

FIFTHLY, In Consideration of the great Merit, Vertue, Prudence, Generosity, Valour, and Loyalty, whereby the Persons, whose Names here follow, have singularly and severally distinguished themselves, We declare it to be Our Royal Pleasure, to advance them to be Companions of this Order as soon as they, and each of them have received this Knighthood, according to the antient laudable Rites, or shall be released from the Observance of such Rites, or any Part of them, by Virtue of especial Dispensations, that is to say, Our Right Trusty and Right entirely beloved Cousins, the
Duke

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Duke of *Richmond*, and the Duke of *Manchester*,
Our Right Trusty and Right well-beloved Cousins,
Charles Beauclair Earl of *Burford*, The Earls of
Leicester, *Albemarle*, *Deloraine*, *Halifax*, *Sussex*, and
Pomfret; Our Right Trusty and well-beloved Cou-
sin Lord *Nassau Pawlet*, Our Right Trusty and
well-beloved Cousin, and Councillor *George Vis-*
count Torrington, Our Right Trusty and well-be-
loved the Lords *Malpas*, *Glenorchy*, *Delarwar*, *Clin-*
ton, and *Walpole*, Our Right Trusty and well-
beloved Councillor, *Spencer Compton* Esq;, Our
Right Trusty and well-beloved, *William Stanhope*,
Coniers Darcy, and *Thomas Lumley Sanderson* Esqrs,
Our Right Trusty and well-beloved Councillors,
Paul Methuen Esq; *Robert Walpole* Esq; Sir *Robert*
Sutton, and *Charles Wills* Esq; Our Trusty and
well-beloved Sir *John Hobart*, Sir *William Gage*,
Robert Clifton, *Michael Newton*, *William Yonge*,
Thomas Watson Wentworth, *John Monson*, *Wil-*
liam Morgan, and *Thomas Coke* Esqrs, Our Right
Trusty, and Right well-beloved Cousin the Earl of
Inchequeen, and Our Right Trusty, and wellbeloved
Cousin Viscount *Tyrrconnel*; Provided, that by the
Manner according to which these Persons are here
named,

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named, no other Precedency shall be claimed, than within the Chapters, Conventions, Stalls, Processions, and Ceremonies of this Order; And that in Case any Person, or Persons thus appointed by Us, shall omit to qualify himself, or themselves by the Reception of this Knighthood, or shall neglect to be Installed, according to the Methods herein after mentioned, beyond the Term of six Months from the Date of these Statutes, That this our Nomination shall then be void as to such Person, or Persons; And it shall be lawful for Us to elect another Person, or Persons, to supply every Vacancy, that may happen on such Account.

SIXTHLY, Since the important, weighty, and urgent Affairs of State and Government, will sometimes necessarily require the immediate Direction of the Sovereign, so that he may not conveniently give all the Attention requisite for the Benefit of this Order; We have therefore ordained, and constituted a Great Master of this Fraternity, who under the Sovereign, and in his Absence, shall supply the Sovereign's Place, and take especial Care, That these Statutes, and the antient Rituals belonging

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ing to this Knighthood be observed with the greatest Exactness; and he shall do, and perform whatever else shall be meet, and commodious for the Dignity thereof; And have nominated, constituted, and appointed Our Right Trusty, and Right entirely beloved Cousin *John Duke of Montagu* to be the first Great Master of this Order, and we do hereby dispense with his Performance of the Rites of Bathing, and Vigils, and other preparative Ceremonies, which by the Constitution of this Order he would be obliged to; Declaring it to be Our Royal Pleasure, That we having conferred the Honour of Knighthood on him formerly with the Sword of State, his receiving the Symbol of the Knighthood of the *Bath*, with the Ribbon of the said Order from Our Royal Hands, and his taking the Oath in our Presence, shall be sufficient to invest him fully, and effectually with the Knighthood of this Order, and in the Office of Great Master thereof, giving to him the full Power, and Authority before-mentioned; And we do hereby enjoin all the Companions to render him due Service, so far as he shall act within this Order, and according to the Tenour of these Statutes: And since it may be found necessary

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by Reason of unforeseen Accidents, to dispense with some of the Particulars in the ancient Ceremonials of it; We do hereby impower, and authorize the Great Master to grant such Dispensations, under the above-mentioned Seal of this Order; which Seal shall for the future remain in the Custody of the Great Master for the Time being, with a Power vested in him to affix the same to all Summons, Significations of Elections, Commissions, Mandates, Certificates, and Transcripts of these Statutes, to be delivered unto each Person elected, and to all other Instruments whatsoever relating to this Order.

SEVENTHLY, That all Persons herein nominated to be Companions (saving Our said Grandson, with whom we have dispensed) and all other Persons, that may hereafter be elected into this Order, shall have Signification of such their Election made unto them by the Great Master, and shall also upon the Summons of the Great Master for their Creation into the said Knighthood, as also for their Installation, repair to the Prince's Chamber, within the Palace of *Westminster*, (which is hereby

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hereby declared to be the Chapter - Room of this Order) at the Time, or Times to be appointed in the said Summons; Each of them to be attended by two Esquires of Honour, Gentlemen of Blood, and bearing Coat Arms, (to be approved by the Great Master,) who shall be worshipfully received, at the Door of that Chamber, by the King of Arms, and the Gentleman-Usher of this Order; and the Person thus elected shall enter into that Chamber, with the Esquires, who being experienced in Matters of Chivalry, are to instruct him in the Nature, Dignity, and Duties of this military Order, and to take diligent Care, That all the Ceremonies thereof, (which have their allegorical Significations) shall be powerfully recommended, and punctually observed; And such Esquires, who from this Service, have been usually denominated Esquires Governours, shall not permit the elected to be seen abroad, during the Evening of his first Entry, but shall send for the proper Barber to make ready a Bathing-Vessel, handsomely lined on the Inside, and Outside with Linnen, having cross Hoops over it, covered with Tapestry, for Defence against the cold Air of the Night, and a Blanket

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shall be spread on the Floor by the Side of the Bathing-Vessel, Then the Beard of the Elected being shaven, and his Hair cut, the Esquires shall acquaint the Sovereign, or Great Master; That it being the Time of Evensong, the Elected is prepared for the *Bath*; Whereupon some of the most sage, and experienced Knights, shall be sent to inform the Elected, and to counsel and direct him in the Order and Feats of Chivalry; which Knights being preceded by several Esquires of the Sovereign's Household, making all the usual Signs of rejoicing, and having the Minstrels playing on several Instruments before them, shall forthwith repair to the Door of the Prince's Chamber, while the Esquires Governours, upon hearing the Musick shall undress the Elected, and put him into the Bath, and the musical Instruments then ceasing to play, these grave Knights entring into the Chamber without any Noise, shall severally, one after the other, kneeling near the Bathing-Vessel, with a soft Voice, instruct the Elected in the Nature and Course of the *Bath*, and put him in Mind, that for ever hereafter, he ought to keep his Body, and Mind pure, and undefiled; And thereupon the Knights shall each of them

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them cast some of the Water of the *Bath* upon the Shoulders of the Elected, and then retire, while the Esquires Governours shall take the Elected out of the *Bath*, and conduct him to his Pallet-Bed, which is to be plain, and without Curtains, and as soon as his Body is dry, they shall clothe him very warm, in Consideration, that he is to watch that whole Night; And therefore they shall then array him in a Robe of Russet, having long Sleeves reaching down to the Ground, and tyed about the Middle with a Cordon of ash-coloured, and russet Silk, with a Russet Hood like to an Hermit, having a white Napkin hanging to the Cordon, or Girdle; And the Barber having removed the Bathing-Vessel, the experienced Knights shall again enter, and from thence conduct the Elected to the Chappel of King Henry the Seventh, (wherein it is our Pleasure, that the religious Ceremonies relating to this Order shall for the future be constantly performed,) and they being there entred, preceded by all the Esquires, making Rejoiceings, and the Minstrels playing before them, during which Time, Wine and Spices shall be laid ready for these Knights, the Elected and the Esquires Governours; And the Elected having

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ving returned Thanks to these Knights, for the great Favours of their Assistance, the Esquires Governours shall shut the Chappel Door, permitting none to stay therein, save the Elected, One of the Prebendaries of the Church of *Westminster* to officiate, the Chandler to take Care of the Lights, and the Verger of the Church; where the Elected shall perform his Vigils, during the whole Night, in Orisons and Prayers, to Almighty God, having a Taper burning before him, held by one of his Esquires Governours, who at the reading of the Gospel shall deliver it into the Hands of the Elected, which being read, he shall redeliver it to one of his Esquires Governours, who shall hold it before him during the Residue of divine Service; and when the Day breaks, and the Elected hath heard Matins, or Morning Prayer, the Esquires Governours shall reconduct him to the Prince's Chamber, and lay him in Bed, and cast over him a Coverlet of Gold, lined with Carde; and when it is a proper Time, these Esquires shall acquaint the Sovereign, or Great Master, that the Elected will be ready to rise from his Bed, who shall again command the experienced Knights, preceded as before, to repair

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repair to the Prince's Chamber ; And the Elected being awakened by the Musick, and the Esquires Governours having provided every Thing in Readiness, the experienced Knights at their Entry shall wish the Elected a good Morning, acquainting him, that it is a convenient Time to rise, whereupon the Esquires Governours taking him by the Arm, the most antient of these Knights shall present to him his Shirt, the next his Breeches, the third his Doublet, another the Surcoat of red Tartarin, lined and edged with white Scarcenet, two others shall take him out of his Bed, two others shall put on his Boots in Token of the Beginning of his Warfare, another shall gird him with his white Girdle without any Ornament, another shall combe his Head, another shall deliver him his Coif, or Bonnet, and lastly, another shall put upon him the Mantle of this Order, being of the same Silk, and Colour of the Surcoat, lined and edged in like Manner, which shall be tied, and made fast about the Neck with a Lace of white Silk, having a Pair of white Gloves hanging at the End thereof; and on the left Shoulder of the said Mantle shall

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shall be the Ensign of this Order, That is,
Three Imperial Crowns
Or, surrounded with the
Motto of the Order up-
on a Circle Gules, with
a Glory, or Rays issu-
ing from the Center, as
the same is delineated in
the Margin, And on the
same Shoulder of the said
Mantle, the Lace of



white Silk antiently worn by the said Knights: The
Elected being thus habited, in Case there shall be a
Cavalcade, it is to be performed according to the
Tenour of the antient Rituals, otherwise a Proces-
sion shall be made on Foot to the Presence of the
Sovereign, or to the Place, where the Great Master
shall appoint, in the following Manner, that is,
The Ministrels shall play on their several Instru-
ments, the Esquires of the Sovereign's Household
shall follow them, Then the Messenger of the Or-
der, and after him the Esquires of the Order, be-
ing apparelled in Surcoats of white Silk, lined and
edged with red, having Hoods of the same thereto
affixed,

affixed, and on the right Shoulder of their Surcoats, the plain Escutcheon of the Order, *Azure* Three Imperial Crowns *Or*; Next a young Esquire, a Gentleman of Blood, and Coat Arms in the like Surcoat, who being uncovered shall carry the Sword of the Elected, by the Point, in a Scabbard of white Leather, the Pommel and Cross Bar-Hilts being gilded, and his Belt without any Embellishments; at the Cross Hilts of the Sword shall hang the Spurs, with white Leathers; And then shall follow the Elected himself, supported between his two Esquires Governours, who being introduced with due Reverence to the Presence of the Sovereign, or Great Master, the King of Arms of this Order there attending, shall take the Spurs, and deliver them with the most humble, and sedulous Expressions of Duty, to the Sovereign, or in his Absence to the Great Master, who shall command the eldest Knight, or most noble Person there present, to put one Spur upon the right Heel of the Elected; which Office he is to perform by kneeling down upon one of his Knees, and putting the right Leg of the Elected upon his other Knee, and having fastned the Spur, and the other Spur being

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in like Manner put upon his left Heel by another Knight, or by some other noble Person, in like Manner; The Sovereign, or Great Master, after he hath received the Sword from the said King of Arms, shall buckle it over the Body of the Elected, and then shall give him the Accollade, or Dubbing, and kiss him; And then shall put the red Ribbon, having the golden Badge of this Order thereto affixed, over the Head of the Knight, in such Manner, as the Badge may hang on his left Side.

EIGHTHLY, These Ceremonies being performed, or else a Dispensation granted for the Non-observance of them, or of any Part of them, (which Dispensation it shall always be in the Power of the Sovereign, or Great Master to grant under the Seal of the Order,) All the Persons named in the fifth Article of these Statutes, shall respectively be Installed in the Chappel of King *Henry VII*, in the following Manner; That is to say, Every one of them appearing in the Chapter-Room, wearing his Mantle, Ribbond, Surcoat, Sword, and having his Spurs on, There shall be a Procession made from thence, to the said Chappel, in which Procession,
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all the Menial Servants in the Sovereign's Household, who by Grant, or Prescription, can claim Fees upon the Creation of any Knights of the *Bath*, shall be ranged, two and two, according to their regular Precedencies, Then the Messenger of the Order, then the young Esquires in their Surcoats, two and two, those of the junior Knights going foremost, then the Esquires Governours in their Surcoats four in Breast, in like Manner; But in Case the young Esquire, or Esquires Governours of the Knights in the opposite Stalls, or either of them be absent, Then the young Esquire, or Esquires Governours present, shall go by him, or themselves: After them the Prebendaries of the Church of *Westminster* in their Mantles, two and two, the Juniors going first, being followed by the Pursivants, Heralds, and Provincial Kings of Arms in their Tabarts; And then the Knights, that are to be Companions in the full Robes of the Order above recited, each of them carrying in his Hand a white Hat, adorned with a standing Plume of white Feathers, proceeding with his Fellow in the opposite Stall; But if such Fellow shall be absent, the Knight present to go separate by himself, He

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or they who are to be placed in the lowest Stalls still going foremost, being followed by the Register of the Order, having the Secretary of the Order on his right, and the Gentleman-Usher on his left Hand; Then Our *Garter* Principal King of Arms, invested with his Tabart, Collar, and Escoccheon only, having on his right Hand the Genealogist of this Order in his Habit, and with the Ensigns of this Order, and on his Left *Bath* King of Arms in his proper Robe, and with his Badge; Then the Dean of this Order in his Mantle, and with his Cognizance, carrying in his Hand the Oath, and Admonition, fairly written on Vellum, being followed by the Great Master alone; And after him shall go Our dear entirely beloved Grandson Prince *William*, both of them with all the Habits, and Ensigns of the Order, and covered with their white Hats; And lastly, this Procession shall terminate in the Person of the Sovereign, if he should be present, attended with his necessary Retinue, having the Sword of State carried before him, and his Train supported; And this Form is enjoined to be the constant Method of Procedure upon all future Installations in-

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to this Order; Excepting only, that in all subsequent ones, the Knights, who have been actually Installed, shall proceed covered with their white Hats; and that the Esquires of the Companions deceased shall be placed according to the Directions inserted in the Tenth Article. These Knights being all entred into the Chapel, shall stand before their severall Stalls, till the Sovereign (if present) hath seated himself; then the Prince of the Blood, then the Great Master, and afterwards every Knight, either single, or at the same time with his Fellow, according to the Heighth of their Stalls: And having thus taken their respective Stalls, the Dean of the Order shall repair to his Chair, placed at the Foot of the Sovereign's Stall, and Garter, and the Genealogist, Bath King of Arms, the Register, Secretary, and Gentleman-Usher to their Benches, or Formes before it; the Esquires Governours, shall retire to their Seats under the Stalls of the Knights, whom they severally attend; and the young Esquires standing before them; The Prebendaries shall place themselves on Benches, set on the right, and left side of the Tomb of King Henry VII. The menial Servants of the Sovereign's

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reign's Household, (entitled to Fees as aforesaid) before the young Esquires, nearer to the Middle of the Chapel, standing according to their several Precedencies; the Officers of Arms in the same Range, but nearer to the uppermost Stalls on each Side. Then *Bath* King of Arms, and the Gentleman-Usher, shall arise from their Seats, being followed by the Dean of this Order, and proceed towards the Stall of the Great Master; who then descending, shall enter into that of the Knight, which shall be the highest next his own, and shall deliver unto such Knight, the Transcript of these Statutes, to whom the Dean shall administer the following Oath, *Bath* King of Arms holding the Book of the Gospels.

YOU shall honour God above all Things; You shall be stedfast in the Faith of Christ; You shall love the King your Sovereign Lord, and him and his Right defend to your Power; You shall defend Maidens, Widows, and Orphans, in their Rights; and shall suffer no Extortion, as far as you may prevent it; and of as great Honour be this Order unto you, as ever it was to any of your Progenitors, or others.

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AND then the Great Master shall put the Collar about his Neck, and shall seat him in his Stall, with all proper Signs of Respect; and then the Great Master shall resort unto the next Stall, and so successively throughout the whole Stalls, performing the like Ceremonies to every Knight respectively; which Ceremonies being finished, and the Great Master reseated in his Stall, the Dean shall go to the Altar, and *Bath* King of Arms, and the Gentleman-Usher being returned to their Bench, Divine Service shall be celebrated according to the Rubrick of the Liturgy; and at the Offering, the Sovereign (if present) shall, attended by *Garter*, *Bath*, and the Gentleman-Usher, and assisted by the Great Master, make his Oblation; then the Prince of the Blood; then the Great Master, attended by *Bath*, and the Gentleman-Usher, and afterwards all the Residue of the Companions with their respective Fellows, (if present) otherwise single; those in the highest Stalls shall offer first, being attended severally by two Provincial Kings, or Heralds of Arms; Divine Service being concluded, every Companion Installed, shall be conducted by *Bath* King of Arms, and the Gentleman-Usher to the

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the Rails of the Altar, where having unsheathed his Sword, he shall offer it naked with great Devotion, and the Dean shall restore such Sword, with the following Admonition.

By the Oath you have this Day taken, I exhort and admonish you, to use this Sword to the Glory of God, the Defence of the Gospel, the Maintenance of your Sovereign's Right, and Honour, and of all Equity, and Justice to the utmost of your Power; So help you God.

A Proceſſion ſhall then be had by the Companions, in theſe their full Habits, to the Chapter-Room; and the Sovereign's Maſter-Cook, ſtanding at the Outside of the Door of the Church of *Weſtminſter*, with a Linnen Apron, and a Chopping-Knife in his Hand, ſhall ſay to each Companion Installed: *Sir, You know, what great Oath you have taken; which if you keep, it will be great Honour to you; but if you break it, I ſhall be compelled by my Office to hack off your Spurs from your Heels.*

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THE Companions being thus returned to the Prince's Chamber, are hereby authoriz'd to hold a Chapter, and to determine whatever shall be judged proper for preserving the Dignity of the Order, within these Rules; and then divesting themselves of their Robes, may depart: And it shall be at the Discretion, and Pleasure of every Companion, whether he will afterwards Apparel himself in blue Vestments, wearing the Lace of white Silk on his Left Shoulder, according to the antient Formularies, and whether He will wear such Lace on his Mantle at future Installations.

NINTHLY, When any of the Stalls shall become void, the Great Master with all convenient Speed, shall signify the Vacancy to the Sovereign; And having received the Sovereign's Election, or Nomination of the Person to fill it, shall forthwith signify the said Election to the Person so nominated, and shall then cause the Companions to be summoned by Letters, to appear in the Prince's Chamber, at a Time therein to be specified; when, and to which Place they are strictly required to repair (unless they have first obtained

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a Dispensation, or shall be excused for a reasonable Cause); and then being Habited in their Mantles, Surcoats, and Ensigns, and their Officers attending in their proper Robes, and with their Badges, a Proceſſion ſhall be made into the Chapel of King *Henry* the Seventh; where the Companions being ſeated in their Stalls, two of them, who ſhall be in the higheſt Stalls, next to that of the Great Maſter, ſhall offer the Sword of the Companion deceased, which ſhall be received, and deposited upon the Side of the Altar by the Dean; and the Companions being returned unto the Chapter-Room, the Great Maſter ſhall there ſignify to them the Sovereign's Nomination of the Perſon Elected; who being in Attendance by vertue of a Letter from the Great Maſter, ſhall be introduced into the Chapter-Room by *Bath* King of Arms, and the Gentleman-Uſher, that he may acknowledge the Acceptance of the Order; and the Complements of the Society being made to him, upon his receiving this diſtinguiſhing Mark of Honour; and the Times being appointed for his Creation to this Knight-hood, as alſo for his Installation, the ſame ſhall be diſtinctly performed according to the Rules above
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recited, without any Alterations, or additional Circumstances, besides those which the Necessities of the Occasions may absolutely require: Provided always, that in case any Person nominated by Us, or our Successors, do not perform the Conditions required, within Six Months after his Election, and that he have not Certificates thereof from the Great Master; then the said Election to be void; And the Notice of such his Omission being given to the Sovereign by the Great Master, another Person shall be nominated to fill that Vacancy; to the end, an uninterrupted Succession may be always regularly continued.

TENTHLY, That every Year, on the Twentieth Day of *October*, or if that shall happen upon a *Sunday*, on the next Day, there shall be a Convention of all the Companions, to celebrate the Anniversary of Our Coronation, who are hereby required, without any other Summons, to meet in their Chapter-Room, invested with their proper Habits and Ensigns, with the Officers of this Order, their Esquires, the Prebendaries of *Westminster*, all of them in their respective Robes, and from thence

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they shall make a Proceſſion to the Chapel of King *Henry VII.* and there hear Divine Service, and make their Offerings, and from thence return to the Chapter-Room: But in caſe any Companion deceased, ſhall leave either, or both of his Eſquires Governours ſurviving, ſuch Eſquire, or Eſquires, ſhall proceed in Breſt on the Left Hand of the Eſquire, or Eſquires, of the Knight, who at that time ſhall be in Poſſeſſion, or be entitled to be placed in the Stall, wherein the deceased Companion was ſeated; and the ſame Method ſhall be obſerved with regard to the young Eſquires, who ſhall ſurvive the Companions, to whom they officiated.

ELEVENTHLY, That at all future Coronations, and other Solemnities, wherein Knights of the *Bath* have been heretofore uſually Created; all the Companions of this moſt honourable Order, for the Time being, who by reaſon of the Honours and Offices then enjoyed by them, may not be entitled to an higher Degree of *Precedency*, ſhall enjoy the Precedencies, and all other Privileges whatever within, and without the Sovereign's Houſhold, which have been heretofore allowed to any Knight
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of the Bath, by antient Laws, Usages, and Customs of this Realm, not only during the Preparation for such Solemnities, but while they are in Performance, and likewise at all other Times and Seasons; And that the Wives of these Companions, and their Relicts during their Widowhoods, with their Children, shall enjoy their antient Preheminencies, and all other Rights, in as ample manner, as they were enjoyed under the Reigns of any of our Predecessors.

TWELFTHLY, That every Companion, after his Installation, shall constantly wear the Badge, Cognizance, or Ensign of this Order, being, Three Imperial Crowns Or, which shall be placed within the antient Motto of the Order, *Tria Juncta in Uno*; which Badge shall be pendent to a Red Ribbond, placed obliquely over the Right Shoulder to the Left Side; and each of them shall likewise wear the Ensign of this Order (described in the Seventh Article) embroidered upon the Left Side of his Upper Vestment, with Rays of Silver, or Glory issuing from the Center; And before the Installation of every Knight into this Order, there shall be fixed to the
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Back of his Stall, an Escutcheon of his Arms enamelled, within a Circle Gules, having thereon the Motto of the Order in Letters of Gold, under which the Name and Title of the Companion with the Time of his Installation, shall be inscribed; and every Companion may, if he think proper, bear his Arms, in this manner on his Seal, and upon his Furniture, at all Times, and upon all Occasions whatever, and a Banner of his Arms shall be placed over his Stall.

THIRTEENTHLY, We do hereby declare it to be Our Royal Will and Pleasure, That all Robes, and Materials whatsoever, which in the Reigns of our Predecessors, according to antient Customs, have been provided by any Servants of the Sovereign, by Reason of their different Offices, shall be issued and delivered upon the Warrants of the Great Master, for these Purposes, towards the Creation of the Persons hereby elected, and for all other such Persons, as shall hereafter be nominated by us, or by Our Successors Kings of this Realm, to supply such Vacancies as may happen in this Order.

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FOURTEENTHLY, That there may be no Mistake in the Method, wherein the Persons elected by us, shall be ranged in the Stalls, We have thought proper to insert a Scheme of them.

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THAT is, the Stall opposite to that of the Sovereign shall be the next to it in Precedency, and so alternately from the Sovereign's Side to that on the Prince's Side, throughout the whole Course; And for the future, when any Vacancy shall happen, the Person nominated to supply it, whether Duke, Marquess, Earl, Viscount, or Baron, or One under the Degree of Nobility, shall constantly be placed in the lowest Stall; in which Case all the Companions in the Stalls, lower to that, inclusive, wherein the Knight deceased was placed, shall be gradually promoted to the next superior Stall, and their Plates shall be removed accordingly. But whenever any Prince, or Princes of the Blood Royal shall be elected into this Fraternity, He or they so elected, shall be seated in the Stalls next to that of the Sovereign; And if there should be no Vacancy in such Stall, or Stalls, Then the Plates of the other Companions, in that Case are to be removed to lower Stalls; and each Companion is to take Place, within all the Ceremonies of this Order, according to the Situation of his Stall, and not according to the Grandeur of his Estate, Degree, or Office.

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FIFTEENTHLY, That the Coat Armour of the Esquires Governours, and young Esquires, shall also be affixed to the Back of the Seats, under the Stalls of their respective Knights, in small Enamell'd Escocheons, with their Names, and the Names of the Knights, whom they attended, with the respective Dates of the Times, when their Knights were Installed; Which shall be removed in like Manner with the Plates of their respective Knights, to whom they performed Service; All which said Esquires, shall during the Terms of their several Lives, enjoy all Rights, Liberties, Privileges, Exemptions, and Advantages, which the Esquires of the Sovereign's Body, or the Gentlemen of the Privy Chamber do lawfully Enjoy, or are Entituled unto by Virtue of any Grant, Prescription, or Custom whatsoever; And the eldest Son of every of these Esquires, shall have, and use the Addition, and Title of Esquire, in all Acts, Proceedings, and Pleadings; Provided, That all these Esquires to be Entituled to these Privileges, shall have Certificates of their Qualifications before their respective Admissions, And likewise an Exemplification of their actual performing their Duties upon the Creation

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of any Knight, or Knights of the *Bath*, attested by the Great Master, under the Seal of the Order.

SIXTEENTHLY, Whenever the Sovereign shall please to have a Chapter, or Chapters to be held, the Great Master shall cause Letters of Summons to be sent to all the Companions resident within the Realm, to appear Robed in their Mantles, and with their Badges, in the Prince's Chamber; where being seated according to the Course of their Stalls, and attended by the Officers of this Order, they shall deliberate, treat, determine, and conclude, all Matters, which concern the Dignity, and Preservation of the Interests of this Order; and all such Determinations, and Resolutions, shall be forthwith presented to the Sovereign for his Royal Approbation; And, if the Sovereign shall not signify his Disallowance thereof, and the same shall not be contrary to these Statutes, shall be Rules and Ordinances, and be from thenceforth taken to be Part and Parcel of the Statutes of this most Honourable Order; And such Punishments shall be inflicted on the Companions, who shall then be absent without

without lawful Excuses, or Dispensations obtained, and also upon such Companions, as shall transgress against any Article, or Articles of these Statutes, or against such Rules, as shall be made in any Chapters, to be held under the Restriction aforesaid, as to the Majority of the Companions present shall seem just and expedient.

SEVENTEENTHLY, Whereas the Prebendaries of the Church of *Westminster* will be obliged to attend in the Processions of this Order, and to assist in celebrating Divine Service, whenever it is conferred, They shall on all such Occasions be habited in white Mantles, lined with red, having on the right Shoulder the Badge of the Order, in like Manner with the Esquires Governours.

EIGHTEENTHLY, There shall be seven Officers of this Order, a Dean, a Genealogist, a King of Arms, a Register, a Secretary, Gentleman-Usher, and a Messenger.

THE Dean shall be the Dean of the Church of *Westminster* for the Time being, who in all Ceremonies,

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remories, shall be Invested with the like Mantle, and Ensign, that the Companions are to wear; And in the Processions shall be covered; He shall solemnize Divine Service, receive the Offerings, administer the Oaths, and give the Admonitions; And also declare in the Chapters the Occasion of calling them, and have Right to give his Suffrage, and Vote, in all Matters therein transacted; and may bear his own Coat Arms, Impaling those of the Church of *Westminster*, surrounded with the Circle, and Motto of the Order.

THE Genealogist, whom Our Great Master is to nominate and constitute, to continue during his good Behaviour, shall examine, and enter the Pedigrees of the respective Persons now elected, and of such, who shall hereafter be elected into this Order, and of their Esquires Governours, and of the young Esquires, with their several Coat Arms, and fairly to enter the same into Books, to remain to Posterity, for the Memorial of their Families; for which he shall receive such Reward, as shall be determined by the Great Master, with Regard to the Length of the Pedigrees, the authentick Proofs thereof,

thereof, and the Pains taken therein; In all Ceremonies of this Order, he shall be habited in a Mantle, like to that of the Prebendaries, and shall wear under it a Surcoat like to the Esquires Governours, and on his Breast, hanging to a Golden Chain about his Neck, an Escoccheon of Gold, enamell'd, on a Field *Azure*, Three Imperial Crowns of Gold, having in the Center between the Three Crowns, the Cyphers or Letters *G*, in the manner described in the Margin.

THE King of Arms, whom our Great Master is also to nominate, and who shall be created by our Great Master with the Ceremonies accustomed in the Cases of Creations of other Kings of Arms, to continue in the said Office during his good Behaviour, shall be denominated *Bath*, in *Latin*, *Rex Armorum Honoratissimi Ordinis Militaris de Balneo*, and shall sedulously attend the Service of this Order: He shall in all the Ceremonies of this Order, be habited in a Mantle, like to that of the Prebendaries, and under it a Surcoat, like to the Esquires Governours; He shall wear on his Breast hanging to a Golden Chain about his Neck, an
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Eschocheon of Gold, enamelled, with the Arms of the Order, empaling the Arms of the Sovereign, crowned with an Imperial Crown, and shall carry the white Rod of this Order, which shall have on the two greater Squares of the Banner the Arms of the Order, empaling those of the Sovereign, and on the lesser Squares the Arms of the Order, the whole surmounted with an Imperial Crown; And at all future Coronations, he shall precede the Companions of this Order, and shall carry, and wear his Crown, as our other Kings of Arms are obliged to do; which Chain, Eschocheon, Rod, and Crown, shall be of the like Materials, Value, and Weight, with these born, and used by our Garter Principal King of Arms, and of the like Fashion, excepting only the Variations herein before specified: Besides the Duties required of him in the former Articles of these Statutes, He shall diligently perform whatever the Sovereign, or Great Master shall farther Command.

THE Register, who shall also be nominated, and constituted, by the Great Master, to continue during

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during his good Behaviour, shall, with the greatest Fidelity, enter all Transactions whatsoever, within the Order, and the Decrees, and Proceedings in every Chapter, with the valiant Exploits, and Achievements of the Companions: In all Ceremonies of this Order, he shall wear the like Mantle and Surcoat with the King of Arms, and on his Breast, hanging to a Golden Chain, an Escutcheon enamelled on a Field *Azure*, Three Imperial Crowns *Or*, having in the Center, the Representation of a Book bound *Gules*, the Leaves thereof *Or*.

THE Secretary to be likewise appointed by the Great Master, to continue during his good Behaviour, shall prepare Draughts of all Instruments, to be passed under the Seal of the Order, and engross them; And in all Ceremonies of this Order he shall wear the like Mantle and Surcoat as the Register, and on his Breast, hanging to a Golden Chain, an Escutcheon enamelled, on a Field *Azure*, Three Imperial Crowns *Or*, having in the Center two Pens placed Salterwise.

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WE likewise authorise the Great Master to constitute, and appoint a Gentleman-Usher of the Scarlet Rod, surmounted with Three Imperial Crowns, who shall continue in such Office during his good Behaviour; And in all Ceremonies of this Order shall wear the same Robe and Surcoat with *Bath* King of Arms, and at a Golden Chain about his Neck, an Escoccheon *Azure*, Three Imperial Crowns *Or*, hanging upon his Breast: He shall have the Custody of the Door of the Chapter Room, and of our Chapel founded by King *Henry* the Seventh, during the Ceremonies relating to this Order. Besides the Duties enjoined in the former Articles of these Statutes, it shall appertain to him to touch with his Rod any Companion, that shall be convicted of any Crime, contrary to the Tenor of these Statutes; And in case of a Degradation, to pluck down the Escoccheon of such Knight, and to spurn it out of the Chapel; And he shall also diligently execute whatever the Sovereign, or Great Master shall farther enjoin him, relating to the Interests of this Order.

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THE Genealogist, Bath King of Arms, the Register, Secretary, and the Gentleman-Usher of the Scarlet Rod, who attend within our Royal Palace for the Service of this Order, shall continually remain under the Protection of the Sovereign, and are hereby declared to be Servants of the Sovereign's Household, and shall enjoy all Privileges, and Exemptions, belonging by Right, or Custom, to the Esquires of the Sovereign, or to the Gentlemen of his Privy-Chamber; And we hereby direct, That their Robes, and Ensigns, shall be prepared at the Charge of the Sovereign, and be issued upon the Warrants of the Great Master.

AND to the End, that all Summons, Dispensations, Letters, and all other Instruments, may be safely, and expeditiously conveyed to the Companions, the Great Master is likewise empowered to constitute and appoint a Messenger for this Service, who shall likewise collect the quarterly Payments herein after mentioned from the Companions, to the Genealogist, King of Arms, Register, Secretary, and Usher of the Order; He shall wear the same Surcoat and Badge with the Esquires of the

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Order; And on his Breast hanging to a Golden Chain, One Imperial Crown of Gold: He shall also diligently execute whatever the Sovereign, or Great Master shall farther enjoin him, relating to the Interests of this Order.

ALL these Officers, at their Admission, shall take their Oaths, which shall be administred unto them by the Great Master, That they shall yield Obedience to the Sovereign, and also to the Great Master of this most Honourable Order of the *Bath*, in such things as appertain to the Order; That they shall not disclose the Secrets of the Order, and that they shall be faithful in the Executions of their several Offices.

AND that these Offices may in some degree be supported, We hereby direct and enjoin, That every Companion of this Order, shall, upon every Quarter-Day in the Year (the first Payment to begin on the Twenty-fourth Day of *June* next) pay unto the Genealogist Three Nobles, to the King of Arms, Register, Secretary, and Gentleman-Usher One Mark, to each of them; and to the
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Messenger One Noble; And that these Officers may be encouraged to apply their Studies with the utmost Industry, We recommend to the said Companions, that in their first Chapter, they would settle some Method, that their annual Pensions may be effectually, and regularly discharged, with such other Provisions, as shall be thought convenient.

AND to the End, that the Fees to be paid to the Great Master, and the several Officers of this Order, upon the Election, or Nomination of any Knight Companion into the same, may be particularly ascertained, and established, in Pursuance of the Declaration contained in our Royal Letters Patents above recited, We do hereby for Us, Our Heirs, and Successors direct, appoint, and ordain, That the Sum of One hundred and thirty eight Pounds shall be paid to the Great Master of the said Order for the Time being, by every Person that shall be nominated unto, and accept the Honour of a Companion of the said Order; And that the Sum of Twenty two Pounds six Shillings and eight Pence shall be paid by every such Companion

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panion to the Dean of the said Order, out of which said Sum the Prebendaries of *Westminster* shall receive their Part, according the usual Method of Partition observed in dividing Profits belonging to that Chapter; and to the King of Arms, Register, Genealogist, Secretary, and Usher, and to each of them the Sum of Twenty two Pounds, to be respectively paid to them, by every such Companion; And to the Messenger the Sum of Eighteen Pounds thirteen Shillings and four Pence; And that every such Companion, beyond these Sums, shall also pay for the Copy of these Statutes, Notice of his Election, Summons for his Installation, and Certificate thereof, the Sum of Ten Marks for each of them respectively; And for the Escutcheon of his Arms, and for those of his Esquires, which shall be fixed to the Back of their respective Stalls, the Sum of Twenty Marks for each of them respectively: And in case there shall be a Dispensation for the not performing any of the Particularities required by the old Rituals, or these Statutes; in conferring the Knighthood of the *Bath*, the Person to whom such Dispensation shall be granted, shall pay for the
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the same the Sum of Forty Marks; and for the Banner which shall be placed over his Stall, fifteen Marks, and also for the Helmet, Crest, Sword and Mantlings, Seven Marks.

NINETEENTHLY, Whereas by the Statutes of the most Noble Order of the *Garter*, It is ordained, That none shall be Elected, and Chosen to be Fellow, and Companion thereof, Except that he be a Knight without Reproach: We do hereby declare, and ordain, for the great Love, Favour, and Confidence, we bear towards the Knights of the most Honourable Order of the *Bath*, That from henceforth a special Regard shall be had, in preferring, advancing, and presenting them, to be Companions of the most Noble Order of the *Garter*.

TWENTIETHLY, That whenever any Companion of this most Honourable Order, shall be Elected into the most Noble Order of the *Garter*; It shall be entirely in the Power of such Companion to Resign this Order by an Instrument under his Hand, to be entered in the Register of
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this Order; or if he shall design to retain this Order, He shall make the previous Protestations, usual in Cases of the Acceptance of another Order.

L A S T L Y, We hereby command, and enjoin, that these Statutes, and every Article thereof, shall for ever be inviolably observed within our said Order; Reserving to our selves the Power of adding, and of explaining any Particular therein; Which Additions and Explanations under our Sign Manual shall be taken, as Part, and Parcel of these our Statutes. *Given under the Seal of Our said Order the Day and Year above written.*

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GEORGE by the Grace of God, King of *Great-Britain, France, and Ireland*, Defender of the Faith, &c. and Sovereign of the most honourable Order of the *Bath*, To all, to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting. Whereas we are resolved to advance the Honour, and Splendour of the most honourable Order of the *Bath*; We by Virtue of our Royal Prerogative, and in Consequence of the Power reserved to us in the Statutes, do hereby ordain, and enjoin, That the following Articles and Explanations are, and shall be always deemed to be Part and Parcel of the Statutes to be perpetually observed.

FIRST, It is our Royal Pleasure, and we hereby enjoin, That the Master of our Jewel-House for the Time being, shall upon the Warrant of the Great Master of this Order, provide for every Companion, that is, or shall be elected into this Order, a Collar of Gold of thirty Ounces Troy Weight, which Collar shall be composed of several
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Imperial Crowns of Gold, tyed or linked with Gold Knots enamelled white, representing the white Laces mentioned in the ancient Ceremonials of conferring the Knighthood of the *Bath*; which said Collar having the Badge or Symbol of this Order thereto pendent, the Companions are and shall be obliged to wear upon all Festivals, Processions, Installations, and other Ceremonies relating to this Order, and also in the Presence of Us, our Heirs, and Successors, upon such other Feasts usually termed *Collar Days*, when the Knights of our most Noble Order of the *Garter* attend Our Royal Person invested with their Collars; And that the said Collar may for the future be represented upon Pictures, Limnings, Sculptures, and Monuments of these Companions; Which Collar shall not be alienated for any Cause whatever; but the Executors, or Administrators of every deceased Companion, shall return the same within three Months to the Great Master of this Order.

SECONDLY, We likewise hereby declare it to be our Royal Pleasure, that the Banner, which shall be placed over the Stall of each Companion
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of this Order, shall be two Yards in Length, and one Yard three Quarters in Breadth, fringed about with red and white Silk, and that in the lowest Margin, the Name and Title of the Companion shall be inscribed with Letters of Gold upon a black Ground; and that the Crest, Helmet, and Sword, shall likewise be affixed to the Stall of every Knight, and be removed in like Manner as the Plates, according to the fourteenth Article of the Statutes. And that after the Deaths of the Companions, these Banners, Crests, Helmets, and Swords, (being first offered in solemn Manner,) shall then be hung up about the Pillars, or in some other convenient Place, towards the *West* End of the Abbey-Church of *Westminster* to remain to Posterity, for the Memorial of the deceased Knights, as a publick Testimony of their Honour. And we hereby direct, that the Banner of our Royal Arms, being two Yards and a half long, and two Yards in breadth, shall be Embroidered upon Velvet, which with our Crest, Helmet, and Sword shall be hung over our Stall.

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THIRDLY, Whereas some Persons may be Elected into this Order, who by Reason of their Employments in the Service of the Crown, by Sicknes, or other unforeseen Accidents, may be necessarily prevented from attending their Installations in Person, within the Time limited; We hereby decree, that such Persons, having actually received the Honour of Knighthood, and a Dispensation for the Non-observance of any Rites belonging to the Knighthood of the *Bath*, and having also obtained Permission under the Seal of the Order, shall and may substitute, and appoint, a Person of Honour, being a Knight, to be his Proxy or Deputy, to be installed for him; Which Deputy having the Mantle upon his right Arm, shall proceed, from the Door of the Chapter-house, unto the Stall of his Principal, and shall there be installed in the Manner directed by the Statutes, holding the Mantle on his Arm, and shall take the Oath in the Name of the Companion. And such Companion shall thereby be as fully invested with the said Order, as if he had been installed in Person, in the Manner before mentioned in the Eighth Article.

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FOURTHLY, We hereby ordain, and enjoin, that over and above the Fees determined by these our Statutes, every Person elected, or to be elected into this most Honourable Order, shall also regularly pay all such other Fees, as have been settled by Our Royal Predecessors by Grants under the Great Seal, upon the Reception of the Knighthood of the *Bath*; And until all Fees are fully and actually discharged, no Banner, Helmet, Sword, or Plate of any Companion of this Order shall be set up, or permitted to remain in the Chapel of King Henry the Seventh. *Given under our Sign Manual this first Day of June, in the Eleventh Year of our Reign.*

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IT is Our Royal Will and Pleasure, that the Knights Companions of the most Honourable Order of the *Bath* appointed, and hereafter to be appointed by Us, our Heirs, and Successors shall for their greater Distinction, and Honour, upon all Occasions whatsoever, bear and use Supporters to their Arms. And therefore, We by these Presents, direct, and command our *Garter Principal King of Arms* for the Time being, and his Successors in that Office, to grant Supporters to all Companions of our said Order, who are, or shall not be Entituled to bear Supporters by Virtue of their Peerages. *Given under our Sign Manual this second Day of June, in the Eleventh Year of our Reign.*



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